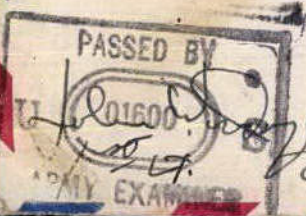


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Sunday  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1944  
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Dearest Beloved,

The mail came through and I am feel satisfied receiving one regular letter and four  $\cup$  mail letters.

Your letter dated March 29<sup>th</sup> explained how you liked the gift I sent you which ~~makes~~ I like hearing. Glad that the earrings can be fixed so you will be able to wear them and even if you can't it won't be too bad as they aren't really necessary. I know you would say I'm just old fashioned.

The  $\cup$  mail letters were dated April 8<sup>th</sup> two for the 9<sup>th</sup> being Easter Sunday and one for the 10<sup>th</sup>.

As for a Sacher I wrote you in detail all about the one I was at and a letter from my brother in which he said he read about a big Sacher being held over here and darling that was the one I was at.

I completely forget about Aaron's birthday and I do hope you sent him a card, You



know the proverb "Better <sup>2</sup>  
Late than than Never" Correct?

By your Easter letter I think  
you received the orchid on Saturday  
as you say it still looks lovely.  
When I receive Saturday letter  
I'll definitely know. Anyway  
I'm very glad you got it, and  
liked it.

Just a second while I  
have a piece of that famous delicious  
Bartons chocolate candy. Give you  
it taste good

The simple answer to, with  
who I dance with is, neither nobody.  
Darling we listen to the orchestra  
and not dance. I almost forgotten  
what it is to dance, but I can't  
forget those days when we  
danced cheek to cheek.

Last night and then this  
morning I had some tasty french  
dishes just like home.

My mother sent me a  
salami and I got some fresh  
eggs from a Italian peasant.  
Al and I <sup>cooked</sup> make ourselves some  
salami and eggs and it tasted  
very good. This morning we  
had some good pickled herring  
that Al got in a jar from home.

I can picture you writing <sup>3</sup>  
now about how good a cook  
I am and the salami and eggs  
add's another dish that I'll be able  
to cook. We had butter for the  
frying and after it was  
nicely cooked with placed it on a  
slice of bread. The taste still  
remains in my mouth. Don't  
get any bright ideas of sending a  
salami now dear as summer  
is near and it therefore won't be  
good.

As you see the program  
of the show I saw is enclosed,  
first as I said I would.

Is it still necessary to  
place your apartment number  
well when addressing your  
letters. By now the mail clerk  
should know that letters  
from me go directly to a  
Miss Judith Bernan and no  
one else.

This summer if all goes  
well I'll be able to go  
swimming also over here as a  
beach is being built for us  
soldiers. Just think we both  
might be swimming in the  
same water at the same



time, only we will be  
at opposite ends of the ocean.  
Strain your eyes a little and  
possibly you will be able  
to see me, I'll do the  
same.

I don't expect to start going  
swimming for at least another  
month impossible even later  
than that as it just isn't that  
hot for that sport.

It's difficult to realize what  
my pay at the end of May will  
amount to 122.75 Good but  
normally you would think it's  
a lot of money but now  
to me. It doesn't mean  
any thing I'd let the  
government keep it, if I only  
could see you. That's not  
asking for too much, is it?

That's all the news I  
have for today darling therefore  
with mountains of love and  
a kiss for every patch I'll  
sign off.

Yours forever,  
Ben

4/20/40

Letter returned to me today because of  
enclosed program which the censor  
said I can't send, so he goes off the  
letter again

Love  
Ben